

## Message Text

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R 051919 Z JUL 73  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1563  
INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 18484

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, VN, JA  
SUBJ: JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRV ON RECOGNITION

REF: TOKYO 8173

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR ( KATO YOSHIYA) INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ON MORNING OF JULY 4 HE HAD CALLED ON DRV CHARGE ( POL-ITICAL COUNSELOR NGUYEN TUAN LIEU IN THE ABSENCE OF VO VAN SUNG) TO INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE DRV. KATO INFORMED LIEU THAT GOJ WISHED TO START NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS AT THE LEVEL OF AMBASSADOR DURING THE MONTH OF JULY. LIEU SAID THAT VO VAN SUNG WOULD NOT RETURN UNTIL EARLY AUGUST AT THE EARLIEST; HE SAID HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS HIMSELF. KATO SAID THAT IN SUCH A CASE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO BE THE GOJ REPRESENTATIVE; SOMEONE CLOSER TO LIEU' S RANK, SUCH AS KATO HIMSELF, WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE. KATO SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO REPORT THE SITUATION TO TOKYO, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT JAPANESE CONSIDERED THAT THE ABSENCE F AN " INTERLOCUTEUR VALABLE" ON THE DRV SIDE WOULD INHIBIT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. FRENCH HAVE IMPLIED THAT DRV DECISION NOT TO NAME AN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE AND PERHAPS THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW VO VAN SUNG FOR A FAIRLY EXTENDED PERIOD WERE INTENDED TO SHOW  
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DRV DISPLEASURE OVER GOF REFUSAL TO ACCORD TO THE PRG  
ANYTHING RESEMBLING THE STATUS WHICH IT CLAIMS.  
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